



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/817,833
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(Legal Representative)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a Preliminary Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, which provides for a response period ending January 19, 2006.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for three additional months to April 19, 2006, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.